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## CHICAGO'S VOTE

**Over Three Quarters of a Million Voters Are On the Registry for the Spring Election.**

**The Battle for Delegates, Committeeships and Other Big Plums Taking Up Attention of Local Statesmen.**

**The April Primary Will Cut a Big Figure in the Coming Election Throughout the State of Illinois.**

**Factions in Both the Big Parties Are Making a Hard Fight for the Control of the Managing Committees.**

Registration day brought up Chicago voting total to 763,139 registered voters. The total is believed by election experts to be greater than the registered voting aggregate of any other city on earth.

The single day of registration as preliminary to the aldermanic election produced surprising results, considered politically. These are the figures for the additions to the lists:

New men's names.....41,502  
New women's names.....19,148

Total.....60,650

This is 5,000 greater than the most optimistic forecast that had been made at any headquarters or by Chief Clerk Egan of the election board, who had guessed 55,000 as the maximum. In view of the cold and windy weather the result is an intense surprise.

Including yesterday's additions the books of registration for the thirty-five Chicago wards now contain:

Registered men.....492,743

Registered women.....270,396

Total.....763,139

### WHY TAXPAYERS SUFFER

**City Pay Rolls Increased Eleven Million of Dollars in Five Years.**

The number of tax eaters on the city payrolls increased 5,991 in five years and the cost to the taxpayers increased nearly eleven millions of dollars.

In 1910-11, the last year of the Buess administration, the figures were:  
Number of employees on city pay rolls, 23,210.

Amount of city pay rolls, \$24,555,496.

In 1914-15, the last year of the Harrison administration, the figures were:  
Number of employees on city pay rolls, 29,201.

Amount of city pay rolls, \$35,173,535.

Increase in number of city employees in five years, 5,991.

Increase in five years in cost to taxpayers by increase in pay rolls, \$10,618,039.

No wonder taxes are high.

### PHILLIP'S PREDICTION

**The Able Political Editor of the Chicago Tribune Makes Republican Forecast.**

In an ably written and masterful copyrighted article on the Republican situation in the Chicago Tribune, E. O. Phillips, the well posted political editor of the Tribune says that "un-instructed delegates will be in an easy majority in the Republican convention at Chicago next June. No favorite son will enter the convention

with more than 100 delegates bound to him by instructions.

"The uninstructed majority will be badly divided and the attempt is to be made openly and fairly to nominate the strongest available candidate, as the situation develops after the delegates shall have reached the Coliseum.

"The Democratic national convention will open at St. Louis, one week later, with more than two-thirds of the delegates instructed to renominate President Wilson. The only fight in sight is over the language of the platform and a contingent skirmish as to the vice presidential nomination."

### DEMOCRATS IN LEAD

**Canvass of Vote Cast at Last Week's Primary Shows Them a Big Majority.**

Official figures on the total vote cast at last week's primaries and the vote on candidates for the Municipal Court vacancy were issued by the election board as follows:

	Men.	Women.	Total.
Democratic	110,212	49,006	159,218
Republican	99,815	54,728	154,543
Socialist	1,199	323	1,522
Progressive	64	29	93
Scattered			2,544

Total.....317,920

### THOMPSON DELEGATES

**Mayor's Friends Agree on the Following Slate in Ten City Districts.**

Those agreed upon in Chicago districts for the Thompson candidates for delegates are:

First—George F. Harding and Congressman Martin B. Madden.

Second—Clifford G. Roe and Theophilus Schmid.

Fourth—David E. Shanahan and J. J. Elias.

Fifth—William J. Cooke and A. W. Miller.

Sixth—E. S. Conway and ex-Mayor Murphy of Riverside.

Seventh—Albert H. Severinghaus and James H. Lawley.

Eighth—Chris Mamer and J. J. Sullivan.

Ninth—Fred W. Upham and William Wrigley, Jr.

Tenth—Nelson N. Lampert and Chancellor L. Jenks.

### SANITARY DISTRICT WINS

**Its Boundaries Are Extended and the People Will Benefit by It.**

Citizens will be glad to learn that the sanitary district may legally extend its boundaries to include the north shore villages, such as Wilmette and Glencoe, and may use the Chicago river as a channel to carry out the sewage of the annexed district if it complies with the state law, which provides that a flow of 20,000 cubic

feet of water per minute be maintained for each 100,000 people "living in the territory tributary to the said river."

This, in brief, is the conclusion reached by Assistant Corporation Counsel Cressy and approved by Corporation Counsel Ettelson today. The opinion was sent to Ald. W. J. Healy, chairman of the commission on downtown municipal improvements.

Ald. Healy also asked the following question:

"Does not the introduction of sewage from cities and villages outside of Chicago into the north shore channel

### COUNCIL TAKES CHARGE

**Efficiency Bureau Transferred from Civil Service Commission to the Finance Committee.**

The city's efficiency bureau was divorced from the civil service commission and assigned to the council finance committee. At the same time seven "examiners of efficiency" appointed under temporary authority were discharged. These changes are the outcome of the passage of the 1916 budget.

The efficiency corps which now will conduct investigations under the direction of the finance committee includes Maj. James Miles, F. H. Canfield, A. B. Segur, J. S. Reid, Jr., and Mrs. E. L. Bentz. There is \$35,000 available for the bureau and the force will be enlarged.

The temporary appointees who lost their positions were E. H. Davenport, Edgar T. Davies, F. A. Becker, Herbert Belfield, William McCarthy, Victor Borling and Clarence Idarius.

### DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION

**It Will Be Held at Springfield on April 21, with Complications in Sight.**

The Democrats, through Chairman Charles, have called the Democratic state convention to be held in Springfield on April 21. The call is based on one delegate to every 400 votes cast for the Wilson presidential electors in 1912. The convention will contain 1,029 delegates, of whom 343 will be from Cook County.

This year the state convention comes several months ahead of the primaries for state officers, and reports have been current that a proposition to endorse a slate of state candidates might be considered by the delegates.

Efforts are expected to be made to get through a series of endorsements, which may result in throwing down the bars for the recommendation of candidates for all the big offices.

The Dunne-Harrison-Lewis group is

## THE CONVENTION

**Republicans Are Preparing for the Big National Meet in Chicago Next June. Leaders Now Here.**

**Gossip About the Work of Public Officials and Others in Various Departments of Public Life.**

**Public Men and Public Conditions as They Are Seen by the People in the Light of Their Performances.**

**General Information of a Public and Political Nature From All Parts of the State and All Parties In It.**

Chicago will take on national convention airs next Sunday when Sergeant at Arms William F. Stone of the republican national committee and Secretary James B. Reynolds of Washington, D. C., will come here with Franklin Murphy of New Jersey to open convention committee headquarters in the Congress hotel. They are the advance guard for the subcommittee members who will meet to select a

event to start at the Coliseum on June 7.

### WON'T HAVE IT THAT WAY

**The Illinois Central Declines to Accept the Ordinance for South Shore Improvement.**

That South Shore plan is still in the air. The Illinois Central railroad has rejected the ordinance passed by the council committee providing mutual conditions under which the south shore of Lake Michigan could be improved. The consent of the railroad company is necessary to make the ordinance valid and it is expected that when the council committee meets today to consider the situation a new move will be made in the hope of bringing the city and the railroad company to an agreement. One suggestion is that a committee of four chairmen of council committees be appointed to carry on negotiations with the Illinois Central. The chairmen referred to are Ald. Geiger of the railway terminals committee, Ald. Little of the harbors committee, Ald. Captain of the streets and alleys committee and Ald. Kearns of the compensation committee.

The railroad company is willing to make important concessions, it is understood, only if it finds the present ordinance objectionable and desires a better agreement as to the disposal of reclaimed lands. The company and the south park commissioners have an agreement, but the federal government will not give the necessary consent to carry out the lake shore improvements unless a request is made by the city itself.

### TAXED TO DEATH

**People of Chicago Taxed to the Limit to Provide Places for Reformers.**

Giving women salaries of \$5,000 a year to preside over fad departments; paying women superintendents \$3,000 a year to assist them; paying female stenographers \$150 per month while capable men and heads of families are tramping the streets looking for work, is part of the net result of the work of "reformers" in the City Council for the past five years. The other net result and the one that hurts the most, is the increase of the number of employees and the increase of the money coming from the people and spent on salaries for city employees, from twenty-four millions to over thirty-five millions.

### MORE WASTE OF MONEY

**People Owning Vacant Land Outside the City After Taxpayers This Time.**

Plans for an outer park belt in Cook county were discussed at an informal conference of citizens and forest reserve commissioners in the office of President Peter Reinberg of the county board. The plans provide for \$2-

000,000 to purchase and reserve the natural forests in the county.

"Natural forests" is good. "Natural fall" would be better.

### TO CONSOLIDATE PARKS

**Mayor Thompson Starts Movement to Vote It into Effect This Spring.**

Mayor Thompson authorized the circulation of petitions to put the question of the consolidation of all of Chicago's parks on the ballot at the April aldermanic election.

The park consolidation act passed at the last session of the legislature provides that the proposition must be submitted to the voters for a referendum either by petition or by the passage of an ordinance by the council.

### BLAME THE "REFORMERS"

**The Fad Leaders and Sob Sisters Constantly Suggesting New Methods of Robbing Taxpayers.**

The law ought to be amended so that professional reformers could be jailed without trial every time they discovered a new fad.

Professional reformers are behind the robbery of the taxpayers of Chicago.

Taxes were never so high as they are now and are still going up.

Reformers are still flocking to Chicago to pluck the industrious people and to fill high salaried but unnecessary jobs created for them.

The City Council is full of useless men. It is a useless body. It does no good and is responsible for the creating of costly jobs to gratify fads.

It is time the people woke up and called a halt on this saturnalia of extravagance.

Ten million dollars a year could be saved to the city by the abolition of useless jobs.

When the dregs triumph next spring as they say they will, Chicago taxpayers will have to make up this deficit of \$7,000,000 out of their own pockets.



E. H. REYNOLDS,  
President of the People's Trust & Savings Bank.

militate against the interests of Chicago?"

The corporation counsel replied:

"I am of the opinion that the greater benefit which is derived by the city of Chicago at large by reason of the preventing of the contamination of its water supply by the sewage of the north shore towns is superior to the detriment done to the north branch, and that the introduction of sewage from cities and villages outside of Chicago does not militate against the interests of the city of Chicago."

expected to be ready with resolutions endorsing Senator James Hamilton Lewis for the Democratic nomination for Vice President. Another resolution will endorse Governor Dunne's administration and may endeavor to put an O. K. on the governor for re-nomination.

Party leaders who look for the introduction of such resolutions likewise discern a fine chance for a fight between the Sullivan group and the Harrison-Dunne-Lewis combination.

temporary chairman for the convention and to let the contracts for printing and the like.

The speculation relative to the chairmanship includes Senator Borah of Idaho, classed as a progressive, and Chase S. Osborn, former governor of Michigan. Fred W. Upham has returned from a vacation and will be on hand to aid with his local committee in perfecting the plans for the big

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